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Dear J. B.:

I have learned that the Judge in Memphia ruled Friday against Jimmy on the evidentiary hearing.

It begins to look more and more to me as if Jimmy is not going to get any chance for his "day in Court" except with me. What I mean is that he apparently is not going to get a chance through legal prodedures to appear in a court room. And I am the only legitimate serious writer left who is writing about the case. I had a letter the other day from Gerold Frank who says he has finished his book. That leaves nobody but me.

And I have always been the only one who was interested in presenting his "side" of the story -- if by his side you mean presenting him as a HUMAN BEING. I am going to do that. And the presentation of him as a real person is bound to improve whatever chances his appeals may have, appeals, pardons, or whatever.

The truth is that I myself am getting so far along in my book that I am going to have to know pretty soon if Jimmy is going to talk to me. If I wait much longer, I will be in the position of having to spend six or seven months revising my book with the new material.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,
George

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